

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Realisation of Excise Duty In Maharashtra

6082. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of excise duty realised during 1990-91 and 1991-92 in Maharashtra;

(b) the targets fixed in this regard;

(c) the amount outstanding so far; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for its realisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) As per departmental records, the revenue realised from excise duty (exclusive of cesses not administered by the Department of Revenue) from the collectorates falling in Maharashtra during 1990-91 and April, 1991-February, 1992 are estimated to be Rs. 7205.56 crores and Rs. 7106.11 crores respectively.

(b) State-wise targets are not fixed.

(c) and (d). In view of (b) above, do not arise.

[English]

Smuggling of Polyester Yarn at Indo-Pak border

6083. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE :
SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the large scale smuggling of polyester yarn across the Indo-Pak border;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof during the last two years, till date; and

(c) the steps taken to curb such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Available intelligence and seizure reports do not indicate large scale smuggling of polyester yarn across the Indo-Pak border.

(b) The details of synthetic fibres and yarns, including polyester yarn, seized across Indo-Pak border are as under:

Year	Value of synthetic fibres & yarn seized
1990	Rs. 9 lakhs
1991	Rs. 23.66 lakhs
1992*	Rs. 1,800/- (upto February)

*Provisional

(c) Indo-Pak border continues to be sensitive to smuggling. In order to combat such smuggling, anti-smuggling drive has been intensified and the Customs presence has been intensified and the Customs presence has been reinforced recently by the creation of two Sub-Collectorates exclusively for anti-smuggling work with Headquarters at Amritsar and Jodhpur in the Punjab and Rajasthan sectors respectively. More than 60% of the border in the Punjab sector has been fenced with barbed wire and charged with high voltage electric current in order to restrict any border crossing. During the night